

Agricultural.

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A NEW MATERIAL FOR TANSTOKE.—Cult skins, tanned by common sweet fern, were exhibited at the last Maine state fair. They had the appearance of the best French cult, and were prepared entire in one week, by Harrington and Ross of South China, who have applied for a patent. Sweet fern has hitherto been considered a nuisance. Immense quantities grow wild in our waste lands, and if necessary it can be cultivated to any extent. We hope this new useless shrub will become valuable. Nothing is made in value.

ANECDOTE OF WEBSTER.—The Boston Courier says—"Mr. Webster married the woman he loved, and the twenty years which he lived with her brought him to the meridian of his greatness. An anecdote is current on this subject, which is not recorded in the books. Mr. Webster was becoming intimate with Miss Grace Fletcher, when the skein of silk getting in a knot—the then looking up to Miss Grace, he said, "We have untied a knot; don't you think we could tie one?" Grace was a little embarrassed, said not a word; but in the course of a few minutes she tied a knot in a piece of tape and handed it to Mr. Webster. This piece of tape, the thread of his domestic joys was found after the death of Mr. Webster, preserved as one of his most precious reliques."

SCHOOL-GIRLS IN WINTER.—We wish to put in a special plea for the girls. Make their dresses short enough to swing clear from the snow and mud, and give them good waterproof boots to wear to school. Yes, we insist upon it—they should have boots. Women's shoes of the present fashions are no more fit to be put upon country roads in winter than an Indian's birch bark canoe is fit to cross the Atlantic. Boots will not look quite so trim about the ankle, or step so lightly across the floor, but they will do what is of more consequence—preserve the health to show off these graces in after life, and to take a great many elastic steps that otherwise might be fewer, and those leading directly down to the grave.

Another thing we are glad to see coming in fashion: the ladies are learning to skate, and for this they must have boots. Now, girls, get each of you a pair of skates to fit, and the first ice that forms in your neighborhood, large enough, go out with your brothers, or somebody else's brothers, and learn to skate. Be prudent about it, and not overdo the exercise, and you will find it a capital medicine—next to horseback riding.

The only way to bring about a race of healthy women is to attend to the physical development of the girl before they are admitted in the false system of fashionable accomplishment, that fits them for nothing but elegant imbeciles.—*Ohio Cultivator*.

RATES OF DOMESTIC POSTAGE.—Letters, for each half ounce, under \$100 miles, prepaid, 3 cents; over 3000 miles, prepaid, 10 cents. All letters must be prepaid by stamp or enclosed in stamp envelope, or they will not be forwarded.

Transient newspapers, periodicals, circulars &c., to any part of the United States not weighing over three ounces, 1 cent, and a cent for each additional ounce; prepayment required.

Books, not weighing over 4 pounds, 1 cent per ounce for any distance in the United States under 3000 miles, and 2 cents an ounce over 3000 miles; prepayment required. All fractions over the ounce being counted as an additional ounce.

Newspapers and periodicals not exceeding 1 1/2 ounces in weight, when paid quarterly in advance and circulated in the state where published—duly, per quarter, 22 1/2 cents; six times per week, 10 1/2; tri-weekly, 9 3/4; semi-weekly, 6 1/2; weekly, 3 1/4; semi-monthly, 1 1/2; monthly, 3/4. Newspapers and periodicals, when weighing 1 1/2 ounces, double the above rates.

Small newspapers, published monthly, or oftener, and pamphlets not containing more than 30 octavo pages, in packages of 8 ounces or over, 1 cent per ounce.

Weekly newspapers, within the county where published, free.

Quarterly payments, in advance, may be made either where published or received.

Singular Deaths.

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